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H.B. No. 506

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the location of early voting polling places for
3 elections held on the November uniform election date by a political
4 subdivision.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 85, Election Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 85.010 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 85.010. EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACES FOR CERTAIN
9 ELECTIONS HELD BY POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS. (a) This section
10 applies to an election held by a political subdivision, other than a
11 county, on the November uniform election date in which the
12 political subdivision:

13 (1) is not holding a joint election with a county in
14 accordance with Chapter 271; and

15 (2) has not executed a contract with a county
16 elections officer under which the political subdivision and the
17 county share early voting polling places for the election.

18 (b) A political subdivision that holds an election
19 described by Subsection (a) shall:

20 (1) designate as the early voting polling places for
21 the election any early voting polling place, other than a polling
22 place established under Section 85.062(e), established by the
23 county and located in a county election precinct that contains
24 territory from the political subdivision; or

1 (2) notwithstanding Section 85.002, designate another
2 early voting polling place, other than a polling place established
3 under Section 85.062(e), established by the county as an early
4 voting polling place if the county does not establish an early
5 voting polling place within the territory of the political
6 subdivision.

7 (c) A political subdivision that holds an election
8 described by Subsection (a) may establish an early voting polling
9 place located in the territory of the political subdivision if one
10 is not otherwise located in that area under this section.

11 (d) A shared polling place established under Subsection (b)
12 that is designated as a main early voting polling place by any
13 political subdivision must be open for voting for all political
14 subdivisions the polling place serves for at least the days and
15 hours required of a main early voting polling place under Section
16 85.002 for the political subdivision making the designation.

17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.